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SUBJECT: FDA ADVISORY - FAULTY MANUFACTURING PRACTICES  
AND POSSIBLE PRODUCT NON-STERILITY (RECALL NO. D-204-6)

1. FDA ADVISES THAT:

PRODUCT INVOLVED:

(A) CARBOCAINE HCL 2 PERCENT (BRAND OF MEPIVACAINE HCL,  
NF) WITH NEO-COBEFRIN 1:20,000 (BRAND OF LEVONORDEFIN,  
NF); COOK-WAITE LABORATORIES, INC., N.Y., N.Y. 10016

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(DISTRIBUTOR); INJECTABLES; 50/1.8 ML. CARTRIDGES PER

CAN OR 5/20 ML. VIALS PER BOX.

(B) CARBOCAINE 2 PERCENT (MEPIVACAINA, NF), NEO-NORDEFRINA  
1:20,000 (LEVO-NORDEFRINA, NF); WINTHROP PRODUCTS, INC.,  
NEUEVA YORK, NY 10016 E.U.A. (DISTRIBUTOR) INJECTABLE  
50/1.8 ML. CARTRIDGES PER CAN.

LOT NUMBERS:

THESE PRODUCTS HAVE LOT NUMBERS CONSISTING OF THREE  
LETTERS FOLLOWED BY 2 DIGITS. ALL LOTS OF CARTRIDGES WITH  
AN "L" IN THE SECOND POSITION ARE BEING RECALLED.

ALSO, ALL LOTS WITH THE FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS IN THE  
FIRST TWO POSITIONS ARE BEING RECALLED: AN, CN, LN, PN,  
RN, UN. THE LOTS OF 20 ML. VIALS BEING RECALLED ARE  
OLB80 AND NLB80. -

DISTRIBUTION: 1/1/74 UNTIL 8/18/75

MANUFACTURER:

STERLING DRUG, INC.  
33 RIVERSIDE AVENUE  
RENSSELAER, NY 12144

RECALLING FIRM:

A.  
COOK-WAITE LABORATORIES, INC.  
90 PARK AVENUE  
NY, NY 10016

B.  
WINTHROP PRODUCTS  
90 PARK AVENUE  
NY, NY 10016

REASON FOR ADVISORY (RECALL)

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THROUGH VARIOUS INSPECTION REPORTS AND AT CONFERENCES  
HELD WITH THE CORPORATION'S RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS, FDA  
ALLEGED THAT THE PRODUCTS WERE NOT AND HAD NOT BEEN  
MANUFACTURED IN CONFORMANCE WITH CURRENT GOOD MANU-  
FACTURING PRACTICE REGULATIONS AND THAT THERE WAS A  
QUESTION OF PRODUCT STERILITY. AFTER SEVERAL MORE  
MEETINGS AND IN-DEPTH REVIEWS OF BATCH RECORDS OF  
"STERILE" DRUG PRODUCTS, THE FIRM INSTITUTED A RECALL OF

THE INJECTABLE PRODUCTS INVOLVED.

2. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT FOREIGN CONSIGNEES TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE DETAILS OF THE RECALL AND IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE RCA GLOBAL CABLES SENT BY THE FIRM TO ALL FOREIGN DISTRIBUTORS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS CONCERNING THIS RECALL. POSTS MAY ALSO WISH TO CONTACT HOST COUNTRY DRUG CONTROL AUTHORITIES INFORMING THEM OF THE RECALL SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

3. FOREIGN CONSIGNEES AS FOLLOWS:

1. BERMUDA GENERAL AGENCY, HAMILTON BERMUDA
2. THE SYDNEY ROSS CO. Y CIA (LTDA), SANTIAGO, CHILE
3. STERLING PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL S. A., SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
4. STERLING PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
5. CENTRAL AMERICA ADMINISTRATION, STERLING PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, INC. C.A.A. SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C.A.
6. STERLING PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL S.A., GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA
7. STERLING PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL S.A., TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., HONDURAS
8. LABORATORIOS FARMACEUTICOS DE NICARAGUA, S. A. MANAGUA, NICARAGUA
9. SYDNEY ROSS, S. A., LIMA, PERU
10. SYDNEY ROSS URUGUAY LIMITADA, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY
11. THE SYDNEY ROSS CO., CARACAS, VENEZUELA INGERSOLL

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